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Sir:

This is a second response to the "final" Office Action mailed July 12, 2005, which set October 12, 2005 as the initial deadline for response. A previous response and a Notice of Appeal were filed on November 11, 2005. Thus a Petition for a one-month extension of time until February 11, 2006 is enclosed herewith, and this Second Reply is believed to be timely.

This second response is also responsive to the Advisory Action mailed December 29, 2005, which indicated that the response filed November 11, 2005 "will be entered" for the purposes of appeal. In the event that an appeal will be found unnecessary, this second response repeats the previous revisions to the specification and claims except as noted below. The arguments from the response filed November 11, 2005, to the extent that they are not repeated herein, are expressly incorporated by reference as if fully set forth as needed.

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Claims 1-5, 7-10, 13, 14, 20, 21, 23-26, 28-30, and 46-54 are pending, with claims 20, 21, 23-26, and 28-30 withdrawn from consideration, and claims 4, 10, 53 and 54 indicated as allowable. Claims 1-3, 5, 7-9, 13, 14, and 46-52 are rejected. Reconsideration in light of the following revisions and remarks is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.